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Port Houston sees biggest January on record Houston Ship Channel builds prosperity for the region



Port Houston's Bayport Container Yard.

HOUSTON—Port Houston kicked off the year handling 356,407 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in January, reflecting a 7% increase compared to the same month last year. This represents the biggest January on record for containerized cargo at Port Houston.

East Asia imports soared, in preparation for lunar new year sales. Asia imports represent 56% of total container imports for Port Houston facilities, based on YTD November 2024 data. This January, loaded imports rose by 10% compared to the same month last year, while loaded exports declined by 1%.

“We are starting the year strong, reaching milestones with completion and acceptance by USACE of Segment 1B for Project 11 and operations records at our terminals,” said Charlie Jenkins, CEO of Port Houston. “Looking ahead, we are reminded of the importance this channel has for all users, a robust

petrochemical complex, and more than 8,000 vessels calling this port every year. Our work as the advocate for the Houston Ship Channel helps us build prosperity for the region.”

At our multi-purpose facilities, steel imports increased by 18% in January, and general cargo is up a remarkable 21%. Total tonnage for Port Houston facilities in January reached 4,271,573 million tons, a 2% increase over January 2024.

“We are strategically focused on enhancing capacity and resilience,” Jenkins added. Investments include ongoing construction projects at Bayport Container Terminal with wharf 7 reaching completion in 2026 and Wharf 1 in 2027, and the arrival of 8 additional ship-to-shore cranes for both container terminals and 16 rubber-tired gantry cranes in 2026 for Bayport Container Terminal. “As we continue to grow, we do so with this goal in mind, to be the nation’s premier maritime gateway for all.”

About Port Houston

For more than 100 years, Port Houston has owned and operated the eight public wharves and terminals along the Houston Ship Channel, including the area’s largest breakbulk facility and two of the most efficient container terminals in the country. Port Houston is the advocate and a strategic leader for the Channel. The Houston Ship Channel complex and its more than 200 private and eight public terminals is the nation’s largest port for waterborne tonnage and an essential economic engine for the Houston region, the state of Texas, and the U.S. The Port of Houston supports 1.54 million jobs in Texas and 3.37 million jobs nationwide, and economic activity totaling \$439 billion in Texas – nearly 20 percent of Texas’ total gross domestic product (GDP) – and \$906 billion in economic impact across the nation. For more information, visit the website at PortHouston.com.

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